

Abstract of the Disclosure

A secure method for generating digital documents that are certified by a known authority, comprising the steps of: A. Programming an electronic device with a document issuing method that originates with the known authority; B. programming the electronic device with data identifying the owner of the device; C. reading a digital document into the device; D. physical identification of the owner of the device, based on the identifying data as programmed in step (B); E. if the result of the identification process in step (D) is positive, then issuing of a digital document signed by the known authority. A device for generating digital documents that are certified by a known authority, comprising a computer for implementing a program written in the memory, and wherein the memory includes a document issuing method that originates with the known authority; input means for reading information related to physical user identification; and output means.